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MARTLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freſheſt Advices foreign and domeſtic.

THURSDAY, *January* 17, 1754.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 1.

WE have received Letters from Aleppo, of the 8th of Auguſt, with Advices, from Gombroon and Baſſora, that the Kingdom of Perſia continues in the utmoſt Confuſion. They all agree, that one Jachi Khan is arrived towards Maſked, from the Confines of India, with 30000 Men, and that he was taking his Rout towards Bandar Abaſſi: That Schach Mahmod, King of the Aguans, was alſo marching with 40000 Men towards Iſpahan; That one Carini Caan was as yet in Poſſeſſion of the Government of that Capital; but it was not doubted, that on Schach Mahmod's Arrival there, he would be routed, and that the latter would aſſume the Crown of Perſia.

Paris, September 3. The Earl of Albemarle has received Orders to make the moſt ſerious Remonſtrances to the Court againſt the March of the Combined Army of French and Indians from Canada towards Virginia, and to ſollicit the King to ſend Orders to the Governor of Canada not only to recal that Army, but alſo to make good the Damages which they may occaſion on the Territories depending on the Crown of Great Britain.

Madrid, Auguſt 28. The King has again ordered publick Prayers for Rain, of which this Country is in very great Want. The Rain which fell about two Months ſince was too inconſiderable to have any great Effect upon the Ground, which the raging Heat of the Sun has made ſo dry that all our Paſtures are burnt up, and all Sorts of Proviſions are at an exceſſive high Price; that of Bread increaſes every Day in the Inland Part of the Kingdom, where foreign Corn does not come. The Scarcity of Barley and Straw, with which our Draught Cattle are generally fed, makes the Price of Carriage every where exorbitant, and in many Places the Dearneſs of Corn and Fodder has induced private People to ſell their Muſes, and their Equipages.

LONDON.

Sept. 11. We hear from Al——k in Northumberland, that a certain Curate in that Neighbourhood, was ſent to chriſten a Child, inſtead of which he circumciſed him; and being the firſt Time of his performing that Operation, the Infant died: At the Funeral of which, he told the Perſons who attended the Corpſe, that he indeed had begun firſt to circumciſe, but that it would ſoon alſo become a Cuſtom among his Brethren. We are apt to believe he was prompted to take this extraordinary Step, by the Succeſs he ſaw attended a Great Jew Meeting, held at Al——k in the Beginning of July laſt.——The above Account, though ſhocking we are inform'd is true.

On the 13th, the Swift Man of War came into Plymouth, and brought in with her a French Smuggler.

By Letters from Rotterdam we have an Account, that ſeveral Jews are now in Cuſtody there for forging Lottery Tickets.

Sept. 29. We hear from Greenwich, that laſt Week Miſs Judith Jugglemani, a rich Jeweſs renounc'd her Religion, and was the ſame Day married to the Rev. Dr. N——T——, who has been nine Years converting her to the Chriſtian Religion. [*This Lady muſt certainly have been well worth Turning, or the Doctor would hardly have Stood ſo long on the Subject.*]

This Week five ſeveral Perſons have been examined before Juſtice Fielding for Murder, viz. one for the Murder of Mr. Carey, the Higgler, who appeared to be manifeſtly innocent and was diſcharged; one for the Murder of the Boy in Hyde-Park; two for the Murder of Lord Harrington's Cook; and one for the Murder of a Man at Bayes-Water. The laſt four lie all under Commitment, and the Murders with which they are ſeverally charged, are all attended with Circumſtances of the moſt aſtoniſhing Cruelty.

About a Fortnight ago, the Body of Farmer Stretham, of Lyme, in Suffolk, was found murdered in a very barbarous Manner, about two Miles from that Place, his Throat being cut from Ear to Ear, and ſeveral Wounds in different Parts of his Body. Great Enquiry is making after the Murderers, for there cannot be the leaſt Conjecture what ſhould occaſion ſo cruel an Action, Mr. Strethain being eſteemed by all a humane and generous Man.

October 6. The Drought which has ſo long prevailed in Portugal, having done great Damage to the Corn, Orders have been ſent to England to buy up a large Quantity for a freſh Supply, in order to prevent the Scarcity the Inhabitants of Liſbon are threatened with.

The Fleet of Obſervation that is now forming for the Channel, will be under the Command of Admiral Boſcawen.

An Extract of a Letter from the Hague, dated October 6.

"People begin to ſuſpect that the Syſtem of the Spaniſh Miniſtry is not ſo pacifick as it has been imagined to be, and that there is great Probability that the Diligence that has been uſed to re-eſtabliſh their Marine, was not ſo much to check the Corſairs of Barbary which has been given out, as to put themſelves in a Condition, without giving Suſpicion to other Powers, of their executing the Project that they have form'd of excluding the Maritime Powers from carrying on any Commerce in America; for under Pretence of hindering a Contraband Trade, their pretended Guarda-Coſtas interrupt all Kind of Navigation in the Gulph of Mexico, and keep the Iſlands of Coracoa and St. Euſtatia, which belong to the Dutch, as it were block'd up; all the Remonſtrances of the Ambaſſador of their High Mightineſſes for redreſſing theſe Grievances having hitherto proved ineffectual, which cannot fail of having bad Conſequences. It is true, that the Marine of the Republick is not in a Condition to terrify theſe Guarda Coſtas, who are no better than the Barbary Corſairs, exerciſing their Piracies under the Cloak of their Commiſſions as Guarda-Coſtas. This is what Mr. Keene has very forcibly repreſented: In order to appeaſe him, the Spaniſh Miniſtry have promiſed, that they would ſend expreſs Orders to the Governors, to keep theſe Guarda Coſtas within the Bounds of their Commiſſions, and to make them pay, without ſhewing them any Favour, the Damage which they do the Engliſh Ships. The Governors receive theſe Orders, but go on in their old Way, and condemn Ships as before; and the Reaſon is, becauſe they have a large Share of the Captures made by this Species of Pirates: Whereupon new Complaints are made, which are ſilenced by freſh Promiſes: This gains Time, and that is employ'd with the utmoſt Diligence in augmenting their Marine, eſpecially in the Ports of Galicia and Valentia; ſo that when it is in a Condition of ſtriking an important Blow, Motives for ſo doing will not be wanting, if they were none but what might be drawn from the Severity of Admiral Knowles upon ſome of the pretended Guarda Coſtas. The Engliſh will not then fail of preſſing their High Mightineſſes to make a common Cauſe of it; they will appeal to Treaties; their High Mightineſſes will have nothing to alledge in Excuſe for not doing ſo, but the ill State of their Marine: Then, to effectually prevent their entring into the Engliſh Meaſures, the Guarda Coſtas will retire from before Coracoa and St. Euſtatia, and Europe will be in very much the ſame State as it was in the Year 1738, when the Spaniards every where took the Engliſh Ships under the moſt frivolous Pretences. This is the Way of reaſoning in certain Courts, that would almoſt neceſſarily be engaged in theſe new Quarrels, which would in all Likelihood involve all Europe in a War."

October 20. We have Letters from Amſterdam which ſay, that the Spaniſh Miniſter makes loud Complaints of the Contraband Trade in the Weſt-Indies, at the ſame Time that the Inhabitants of the Dutch Iſlands affirm, that their Trade is interrupted, and almoſt loſt, through the Depredations of the Spaniſh Privateers, which are daily augmenting in Number and in Force.

October 22. His Majeſty's Forces in Nova-Scotia, and others of his Plantations abroad, are ordered to be reinforced, and in a few Days Recruits will be ſhipped for that Purpoſe.

The News from Amſterdam and the Hague inform us, that they had received freſh Advices there of ſeveral Dutch Ships having been taken by the Spaniſh Guarda Coſtas in America; and they tell us, that the News from London repreſent to them the ſame Conduct of theſe armed Veſſels towards the Ships carrying Britiſh Colours, as if the Spaniſh Nation was actually at War with the two Maritime Powers. A Miniſter of great Capacity, who has been in a public Station till he is even grown old in it, reflecting upon this Proceeding of the Miniſtry of Aranjuez, as well in Europe as in America, foretells, in a Letter which he wrote to a Friend, that the Spaniſh Loftineſs and Pride was preparing for Europe the Spectacle of a new Rupture; which was the more to be apprehended, as it would not break out till after thoſe whom it threatened, ſhould have let the Opportunity ſlip of preventing it in its Origin. To the above Prediction this Miniſter added, that the Conſequence of this new Rupture would be the ſame, as that of the laſt between England and Spain; for that the Spaniards having but very few Merchant Ships at Sea, have little or nothing to fear from the Superiority of the Maritime Forces of the Engliſh, and that they have ſtill leſs Reaſon to be afraid of them upon *Terra firma*, where they have the ſame Superiority as the others have by Sea. How numerous and well armed ſoever the Shepherds who keep their Sheep in a Foreſt may be, the Wolves inhabiting the Center of it frequently iſſue forth to fall upon the Flocks, and commonly obtain ſuch real Advantages as abundantly indemnifies them for the Blows which they from Time to Time receive.

Dublin, Oct. 16. At two o'Clock on Sunday Morning, a dreadful Fire broke out at the Houſe of Mr. Purcell, a Grocer on Cock Hill, the Corner of Chriſt Church-Lane, which burned with the greateſt Fury for two Hours, and conſumed his Wife, who was far gone with Child, and two Children, one of Twelve, and the other of eight Years old. It is ſaid this Fire was occaſioned by the burning of a Lamp, the Oil of which, it is ſuppoſed, dropped on the Counter. This Fire would have ſpread much further, had it not been for the Care and Vigilance of our High Sheriffs, who attended with a Party of Soldiers, who took ſeveral Goods belonging to the neighbouring People, which would have been ſtolen by the thieving Rabble, who generally attend to rob and plunder on theſe melancholy Occaſions, three of whom were taken at this Place carrying away ſome Houſhold Furniture, for which they were committed to Newgate. A Watch and a Parcel of Money were taken up on Sunday. The unhappy Sufferer but on Saturday laſt laid in above 300 l. worth of Goods, which, with the reſt, and ſeveral Bank Notes, were entirely deſtroyed. He, and a Prieſt, his Brother, eſcaped out of a Garret Window, and down the Spout.

Honiton, in Devonſhire, October 15. Laſt Friday we had the moſt violent Storm of Rain that was ever known in the Memory of Man; it ſwell'd the Rivers to ſuch a Degree, that they ſwept away ſeveral Hay Ricks, and a great Number of Cattle, alſo ſeveral Bridges and Houſes; and ſome People were drown'd. A great many People that lived near the Bridge in this Town were obliged to get out at the Tops of their Houſes. The Damage done in this Town is computed at ſeveral hundred Pounds. And 'tis thought the Loſs in the Neighbourhood can't be leſs than two or three Thouſand Pounds.

NEW-YORK

NEW-YORK, December 17.

By Capt. *Pearman*, in 13 Days from *Bermuda*, we are adviſed, that Mr. *M'Neil*, of that Iſland, was, about the 10th ult. in the Night, way-laid, and moſt barbarouſly murdered, by a new Negro of his own. Mr. *M'Neil* was immediately miſſed, and diligent ſearch made after him, but to no Purpoſe; his Fellow being ſuſpected, was ſecured, and after ſome Time he confeſſ'd the whole Affair; and even told them where the dead Body was depoſited under ſome Rocks by the Sea Shore; he likewiſe acknowledged that the only Motive whereby he was induced to commit ſo horrid a Crime, was, his receiving ſome Diſcipline from his Maſter the Day before. As the Judges of that Iſland have not had Power to hold a Court for ſome Time paſt, the Inhabitants petition'd the Preſident and Council for the Time being, that a ſpecial Court might be called for the Trial of the Wretch, which 'twas thought, would ſoon be effected; when 'tis hoped the Villain will meet with a Reward adequate to his Demerits.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Joy, of this Port, dated Antigua, November 5, 1753.

"In my Paſſage hither, about 100 Leagues North weſt from Bermuda, I ſaw a Schooner, which by her Actions, ſeem'd to me to be a Pirate. We had the Wind at North eaſt, ſtanding on a-bout South-eaſt by Eaſt, and the Schooner ſtood to the Northward, cloſe hawl'd, being very near us; and when, I ſuppoſe, they thought they could fetch our Wake, hove about, and ſtood after us, the Wind veering more to the Northward; upon which we made all the Sail we could, and left her very faſt. She gave us Chace about ſix Hours, when we had run her about half Maſt down; ſhe then hove about, hawl'd down all her Sails, except Part of her Mainſail, and lay to, it being very fine Weather."

December 20 We hear from Cheſter, that ſome Time laſt Week, one of the People belonging to the Goal there, went down to the Dungeon, and found Thomas Brown without his Handcuffs, upon which he immediately went and acquainted the Goaler of it: That while the Perſon was gone he (Brown) with his Garters and Handkerchief, made Shift to hang himſelf up, and was almoſt dead, before they could come to ſecure him; but on taking ſome Blood from him, he was brought to again: And that on ſearching under his Bed, they diſcover'd he had begun to dig up the Pavement, in order to undermine the Foundation, and endeavour to make his Eſcape in that Manner.

Tueſday Morning laſt, between Five and Six a Clock, a Fire broke out in the Houſe of Mr. Andrew Reed, Merchant, in this City, which, beſides deſtroying a Quantity of valuable Houſhold Goods, and about 150 Barrels of Flour and Bread, belonging to different Perſons, did ſome conſiderable Damage to the lower Parts of the Building; but by the great Activity and Induſtry of the People, the Roof and upper Floors were ſaved; and the Houſe being inſur'd, the Damage will be immediately repaired, without Coſt to the Owner. Soon after the Fire was extinguiſhed, a Man was taken up and committed to Goal, for ſtealing Goods while the Houſe was burning, and picking of Pockets.

Thurſday laſt Captain England arrived here from Jamaica, who informs us, that in his Paſſage outward, on the 21ſt of October, in Lat. 22 30, Long. 70, he ſpoke with a French Ship, bound to Bourdeaux from Cape-Francois, which in the Hurricane, the 6th of October laſt, loſt her Main and Mizen Maſts, ſeven of her Guns, and had three of her Hands waſh'd overboard and drowned. That two Days before he ſailed from Kingſton, a Sloop arrived there, the Captain of which brought Advice of a large Bermudian Brig being aſhore on Crooked Iſland, but that the Wind blowing hard, he could not learn the Maſter's Name; but ſuppos'd her to be a Brig that had ſailed ſome Time before from thence for London with Sugars. And that on his Paſſage home, on the 20th of laſt Month, off Cape Nichola, he ſpoke with Captain Hubbard from this Place for Jamaica, who had been out ſixteen Days, and all well on board; and that he (Hubbard) told him, he had a few Days before ſpoke with the Captains Lake and Rench, both from this Port alſo for Jamaica, who were likewiſe all well on board.

ANNAPOLIS.

Laſt Week arrived in Town, to regulate and ſettle the Affairs of the Poſt-Offices, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, *Eſq; of* PHILADELPHIA, *and* WILLIAM HUNTER, *Eſq; of* WILLIAMSBURG, *his Majeſty's Poſt Maſters General of the Continent of* NORTH-AMERICA.

Capt. Rawlings, *from* London, *is arrived in* Virginia.

Cuſtom Houſe, Annapolis, *Enter'd ſince* January 3.
Sloop Joanna, Patrick Keating, from Boſton;
Schooner Braidalmin, Haines, from Philadelphia;
Brig Endeavour, John Jones, from Barbadoes;
Schooner John and Francis, Freeborn Groves, from Salem;
Schooner Mermaid, Job Dennen, from Halifax;
Snow Molly, William Smith, from Briſtol;
Snow Peggy, William Wallace, from Barbadoes.

WANTED, a ſober, diſcreet Woman, capable of taking Care of a Family. Such an One may get into a good Place, by enquiring of the Printer hereof. *I. Mr. Holſton*

Conformable to LAW, *I [illegible]*

NOTICE is hereby given, That there are at the Plantation of *Benjamin Talburtt*, living near the Eaſtern Branch Ferry, in *Prince George's* County, taken up as Strays,

A Black Horſe, about 13 Hands high, branded on the off Shoulder and Buttock W.

And a Grey Horſe, branded on the near Buttock I, and is about 12 Hands high.

The Owner or Owners, may have them again, on proving Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW, *I [illegible]*

NOTICE is hereby given, That there are at the Plantation of *George Hardee*, in *Frederick* County, near *Rock Creek*, taken up as Strays, two Geldings; the one a Sorrel, about 13 Hands high, branded on the near Buttock I, has a Blaze in his Face, and three white Feet: The other a Grey, branded on the off Buttock thus 3 I

The Owner or Owners, may have them again, on proving Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW, *I [illegible]*

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *William Shipley*, at *Elk-Ridge*, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Cheſnut Sorrel Mare, branded B in two Places on the I near Buttock, and on the near Shoulder B I

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW, *I [illegible]*

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is in the Poſſeſſion of *William Burgis*, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a Dark Bay Gelding, about 13 Hands high, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock with F C, has a Star in his Forehead, and his Eyes white.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW, *I*

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Mr. *Samuel Howard*, near *Annapolis*, taken up as a Stray, a middle ſiz'd White Horſe, has no Brand, nor Fleſh Mark.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

To be Sold by the Subſcriber,

GOOD *Weſt India* Rum, *Muſcovado* Sugar, Melaſſes, Coffee, Saſh Glaſs, 12 by 10, 11 by 9, 10 by 8, 6 by 4, and Diamond Glaſs, Linſeed Oil, White Lead, and ſundry dry Goods, for Caſh, Pork, Beef, Corn, Wheat, Peaſe, Oats, or Parcels of good Tobacco.

5 *Patrick Creagh.*

TO BE SOLD,

A PARCEL of Land, lying in *Frederick* County, near the great Falls of *Potowmack* River, containing 200 Acres, being Part of a Tract of Land, called the *Addition to James*. Any Perſon inclin'd to purchaſe the ſame, may apply to Mr. *James Holmeard*, junior, who will ſhow the Land; and for Title and Terms apply to the Subſcriber, living at *Upper Marlborough* in *Prince George's* County. 2

Colmore Beanes.

TO BE SOLD,

For Money, Tobacco, Indian Corn, Wheat, Pork, or Lumber,

A GOOD SLOOP that will carry near 1000 Buſhels of Grain: She is well found with Sails, Rigging, Anchors, Cables, and all other Materials. 3

Kinſey Johns,
William Thornton.

N. B. Time for Payment will be given, on Security, if required.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Ship BIDDEFORD, *Capt.* JOHN COLE, *from* BRISTOL, *and to be Sold by the Subſcriber, at his Store in* ANNAPOLIS,

A LARGE Aſſortment of *European* and *Eaſt-India* GOODS, *Herefordſhire* CYDER, *Glouceſter* CHEESE, and Single Refined SUGAR at 1*s.* 6*d. per* Pound; alſo very good CLARET by the Dozen, or larger Quantities. 4

John Brice.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Ship BIDDEFORD, *Capt.* JOHN COLE, *from* BRISTOL, *and to be Sold by the Subſcriber, at his new Store, near the Dock, in* ANNAPOLIS,

AN Aſſortment of *European* and *Eaſt-India* GOODS, at very reaſonable Rates, for Paper Money, Gold, or Bills of Exchange: He alſo Sells, good *Barbadoes* RUM, at 4*s.* 6*d. per* Gallon, SUGAR, at 8*d. per* Pound, and Sour ORANGES, at 2*s. per* Dozen. 5

John Raitt.

LOST about 9 Weeks ago, near the Head of *Severn*, a black and white HOUND BITCH, of the deep mouthed Southern Kind, her Tail cut. Whoever brings the ſaid Hound to the Vineyard, or to Col. *Taſker*, at *Annapolis*, ſhall have Ten Shillings Reward.

Baltimore Town, November 6, 1753.

ALL Perſons indebted to Mr. *Rowland Carnan*, now on his Voyage to *England*, or to the Eſtate of Mr. *Charles Carnan*, of *London*, Merchant, are deſired to come and ſettle their Accounts forthwith; otherwiſe they muſt expect to be ſued for their reſpective Debts, at *March* Court. 9

And any Perſons having any juſt Claims or Demands on ſaid *Rowland Carnan*, or the Eſtate of ſaid *Charles Carnan*, are deſired to apply for Payment of the ſame, in *Baltimore Town*, from Monday to Friday in every Week; and at *Elk-Ridge* Landing every Saturday, where Attendance will be given, by

Chamier and *Carnan*, Attorneys in Fact to Mr. *Rowland Carnan*, and to the Truſtees to the Eſtate of Mr. *Cha. Carnan*, of *London*.

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